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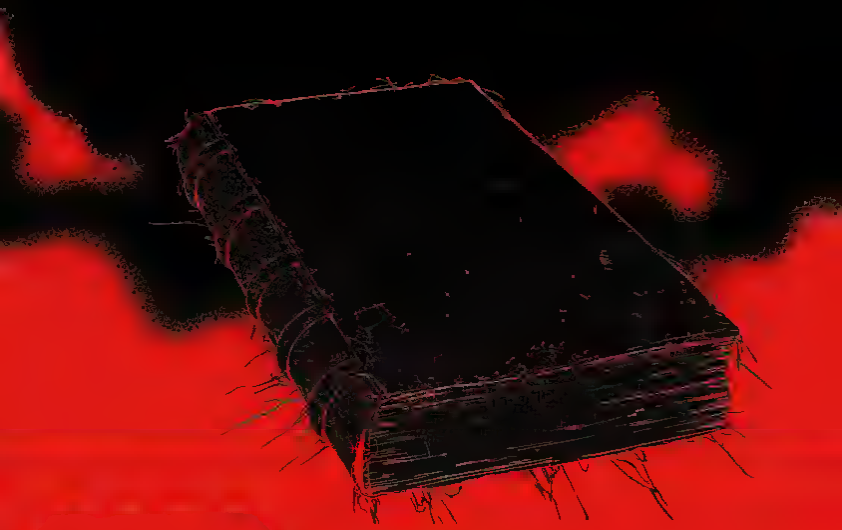

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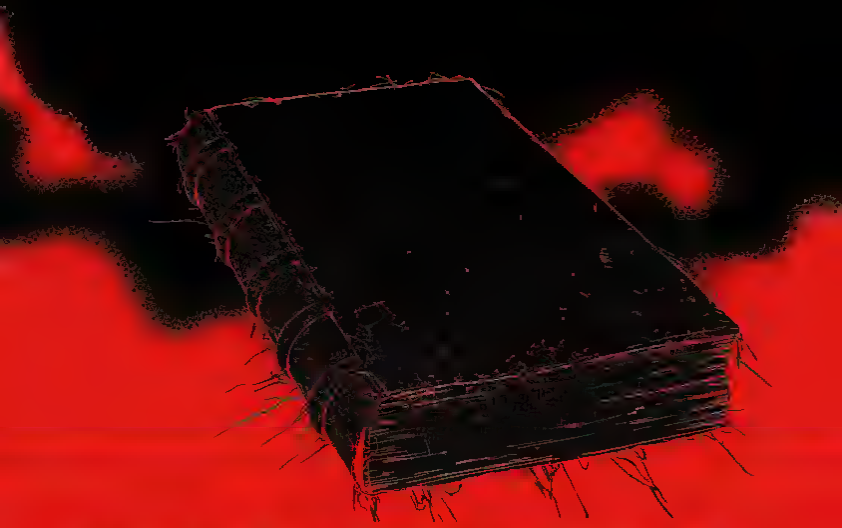
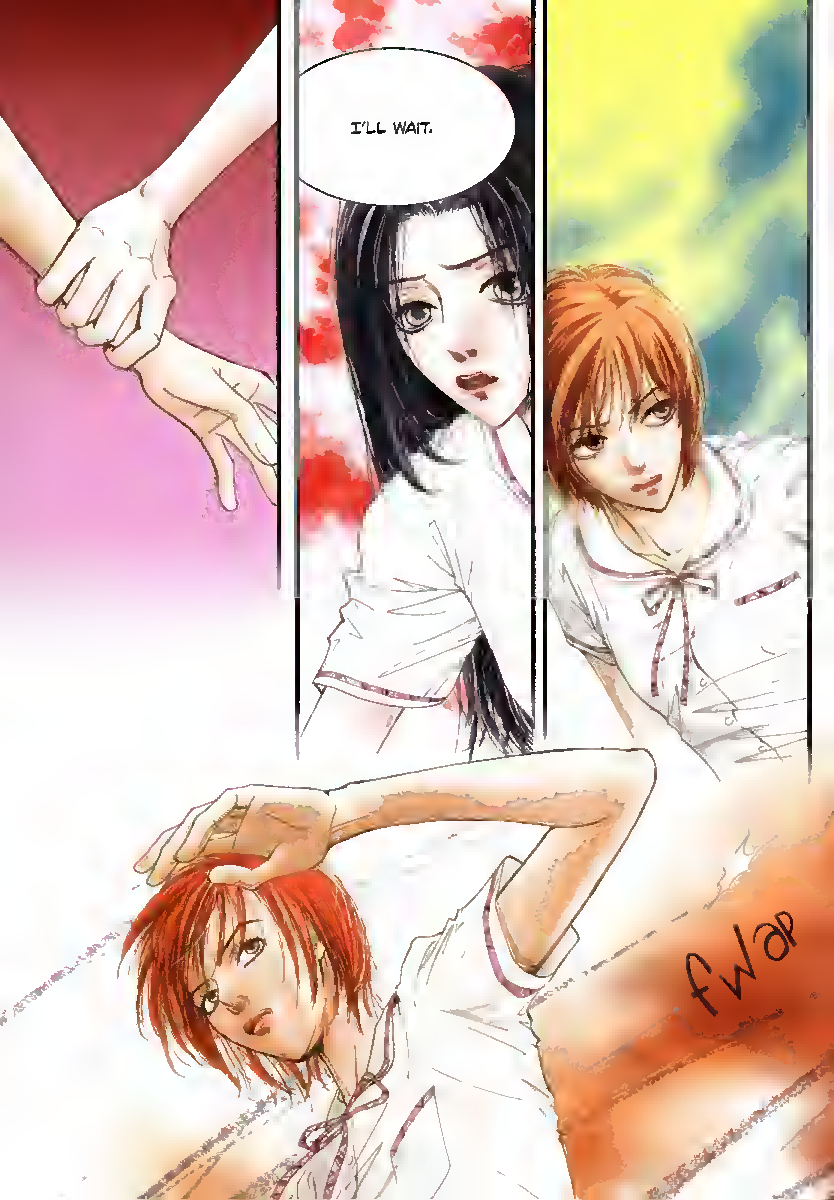
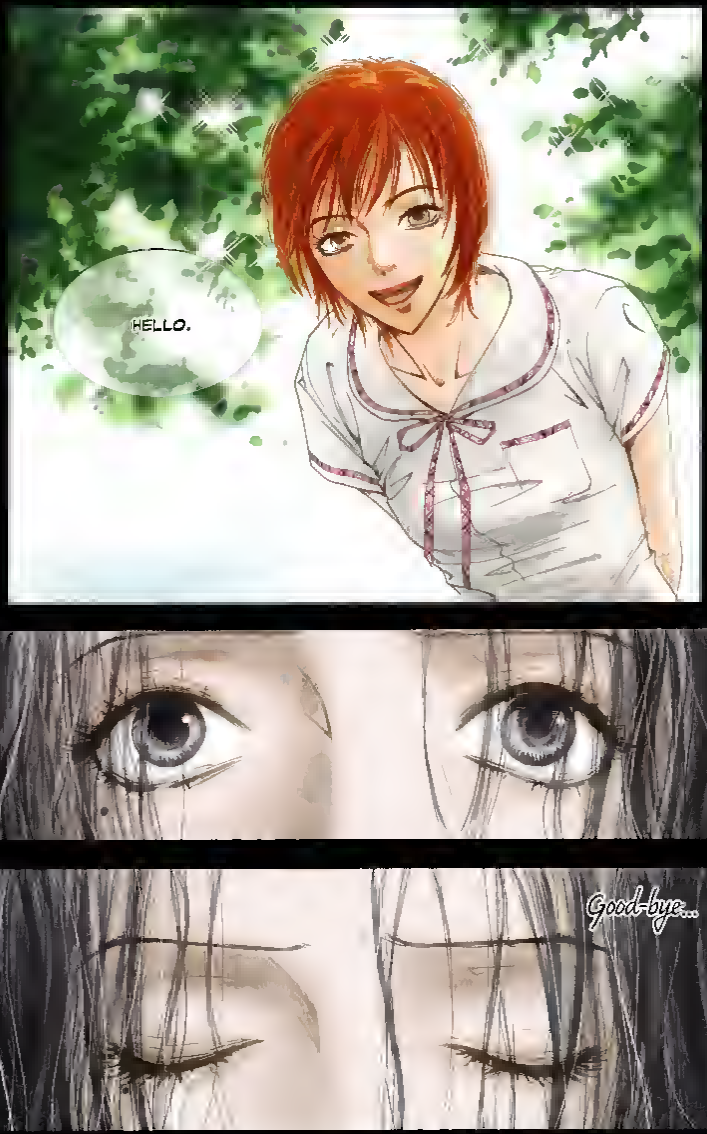


Eunsae and Kyungdo attend Suh-ha High School, where they are given the task of cleaning out the library, which had been closed for ten years. While cleaning out the library, Eunsae finds an ominous book, and throws it to the ground after experiencing a strange feeling of dread and fear from turning the page. But Kyungdo, who seems to know something about the book, does not reveal anything to satisfy Eunsae's curiosity nor erase Eunsae's nervousness. Then one day, the teacher in charge of the library commits suicide by falling from the 4th floor of the school after reading the book in question...!


I'LL WAIT.
fwap

RUSTLE


HELLO.
Good-bye...

That girl never showed up.
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It felt like I was in someone else's head.
Heaaa
Heaaa
What is this?
This grasp filled with pain.
sadness
The fearful emotions are all there.

If you do not have the courage
Close this book immediately!

GRAB
AHHHHH!
DROP

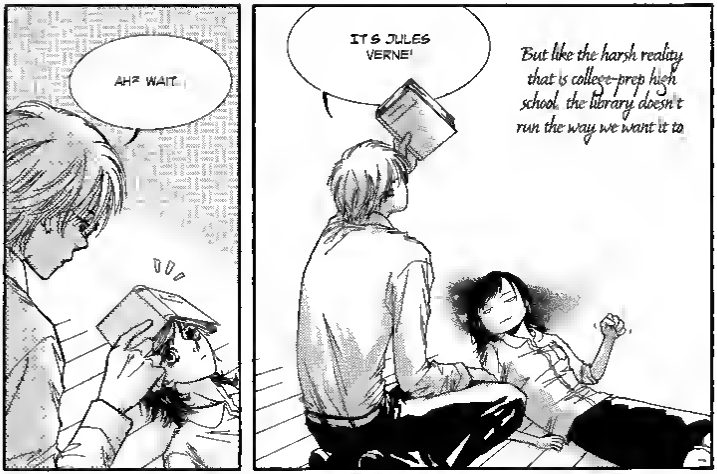
PANT
PANT
WHY
Why is he....
reading this kind of
a book secretly?

When Kyungdo's eyes light up, it can only mean he's talking about a book.

THE CITY'S KEEPERS TRAVELED AROUND THE WORLD AND COLLECTED BOOKS
AND THAT WASN'T ENOUGH,
SO ANYONE WHO CAME INTO ALEXANDRIA HAD TO TURN IN ALL THE BOOKS THEY OWNED TO THE LIBRARY
Drop
THE KEEPERS COPIED THE ORIGINALS AND RETURNED THE COPIES.
Thank you
Whish

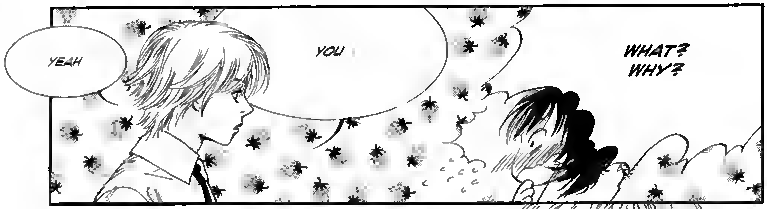
His nickname is the Literary Ice Prince
He's not interested in anything other than books
THAT LIBRARY WAS SO AMAZING,
Hooray
THE TRAVELERS FORGOT TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES BECAUSE THEY WERE SO ENGROSSED IN THE BOOKS.
Ugh
BUT THIS LIBRARY THAT REMAINED THE GREATEST LIBRARY FOR CENTURIES WAS DESTROYED ONCE BY THE CHRISTIANS AND THEN BY THE MUSLIMS.
WAIT!

FALL
DOESN'T THIS PLACE KIND OF LOOK LIKE IT WAS DESTROYED BY CRAZY, RELIGIOUS PEOPLE, TOO?
This place is our school library.
...or rather, the shed where we pile all our books


AH? WAIT
IT'S JULES VERNE!
But like the harsh reality that is college-prep high school, the library doesn't run the way we want it to

They just opened up an empty classroom, piled up a bunch of old books, and asked the volunteer students (I mean us!) to handle everything

When he asked me to volunteer to work at the library with him, I was surprised.
TOGETHER?
YOU MEAN ME?

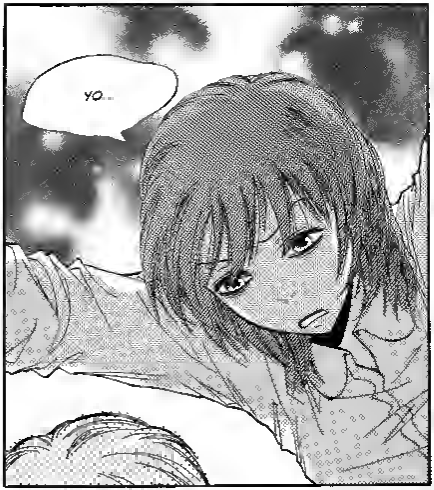

YEAH
YOU
WHAT? WHY?

I was constantly staring at the boy who was always sitting in a corner, reading
YOU DON'T LIKE BOOKS?

YOU WERE ALWAYS FOCUSED ON SOMETHING AT THE LIBRARY TOO, THOUGH.
W-WAS IT?
AH, BUT THAT WAS JUST INTERNET FICTIONS AND COMIC BOOKS.
NO ONE BESIDES US READS AT THE LIBRARY ANYWAY, RIGHT?
WELL?
Will this be... my chance? Seduce him at the library!
I'LL LEAVE EVERYTHING IN YOUR HANDS, THEN.

That's how
we came to be
in this old shed.
NO ONE HAS
VOLUNTEERED IN YEARS!
I'M SO THANKFUL!

BAM
But of course, he thought I looked strong enough.
So nice my foot!
My back
CRaack
He's reading again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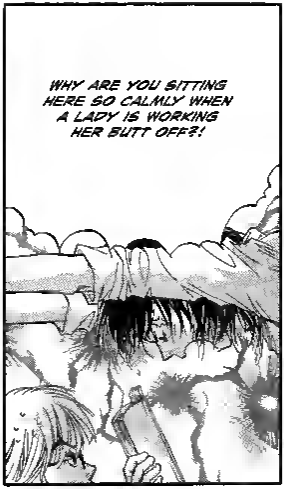
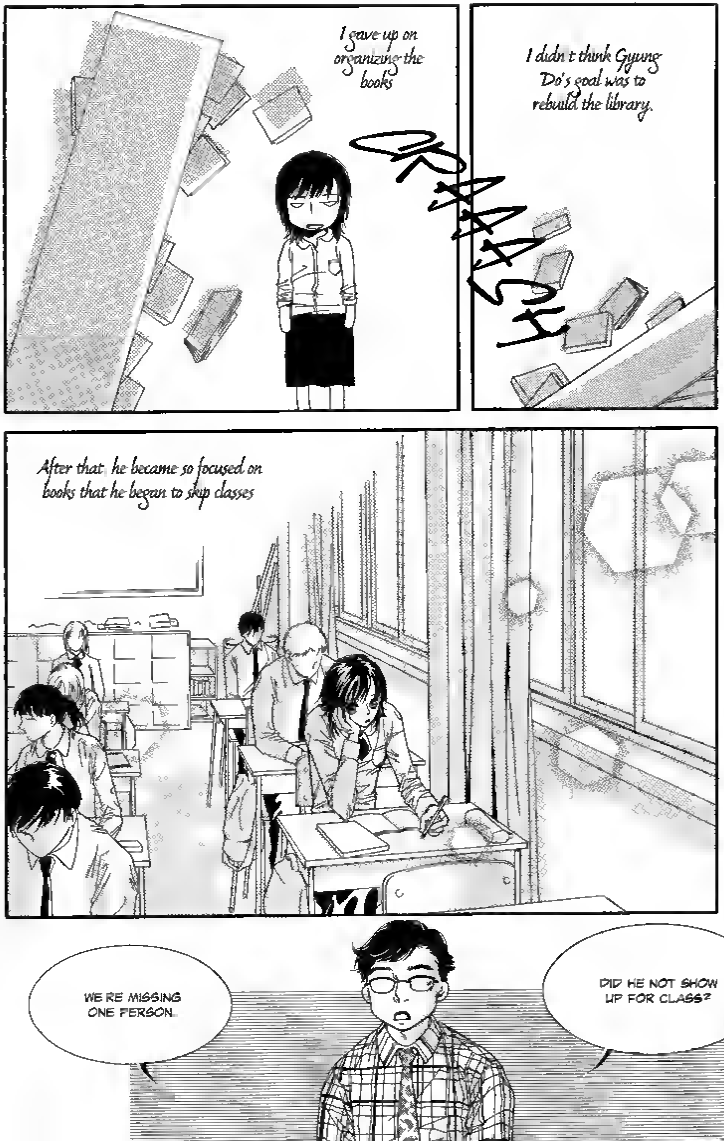

WHY ARE YOU SITTING HERE SO CALMLY WHEN A LADY IS WORKING HER BUTT OFF?!

THIS IS SO AMAZING!
OUR LIBRARY HAS A RATHER INTERESTING COLLECTION OF BOOKS. THEY'RE ALL OLD AND TATTERED, BUT STILL GREAT BOOKS

OH... AMAZING...
At that moment,


I gave up on organizing the books
I didn't think Gyung Do's goal was to rebuild the library.
KRAAASH
After that, he became so focused on books that he began to skip classes
WE'RE MISSING ONE PERSON.
DID HE NOT SHOW UP FOR CLASS?

I'LL GO LOOK FOR HIM!
NO, THERE'S NO NEED...
NOW WE'RE MISSING TWO PEOPLE
KYUNGDO ARE YOU THERE?
SQUEAK
LIBR
SQUEAK
CREAK
KYUNGDO...?

What's that?

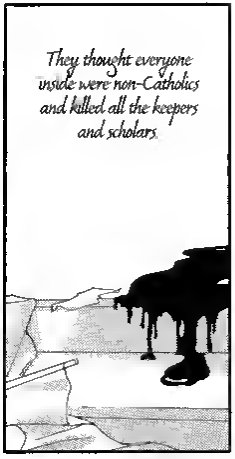
Creepy!
KYUNGDO!

AH?
WHY? SCREAMING LIKE THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN...
WHAT IS THIS BOOK?
I WAS JUST LOOKING AT RANDOM BOOKS.
...
World Literature Classic Collection
This wasn't the book.

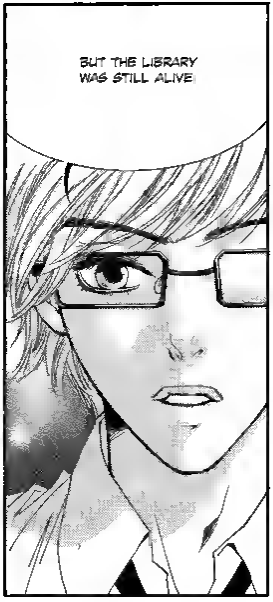
MAYBE I M SEEING THINGS
WELL, IT IS KIND OF CREEPY HERE, OR MAYBE YOU'VE BEEN WORKING TOO HARD TO CLEAN UP THE LIBRARY
DO YOU WANT TO LIE DOWN? USE THE ROMAN HISTORY BOOK AS A PILLOW. SOMETIMES ROMAN HISTORY CAN BE USEFUL
AH... THANKS
MAYBE I'VE BECOME A STRANGE FREAK
YOU'LL BE FINE AFTER A SHORT REST

...
THAT STORY YOU WERE TELLING ME ABOUT THE LIBRARY. TELL ME MORE
HOW DID IT GET DESTROYED?
IT'S A SCARY STORY THOUGH...
IT'S OK. I WANT TO HEAR IT.
The Catholics who took over Alexandria followed the non-Catholics to the library.
THE LIBRARY IS A SACRED PLACE. DO NOT STEP INSIDE!

THE RESULT WAS...
GENOCIDE?

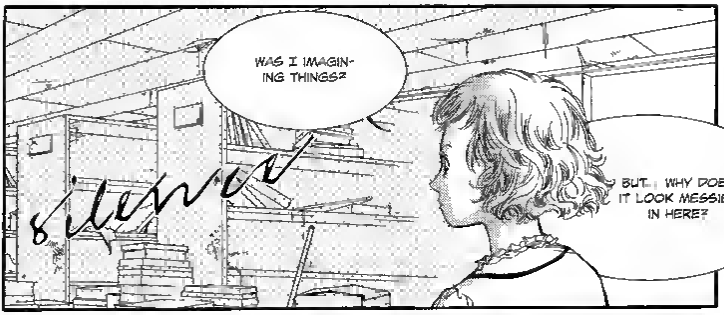

They thought everyone inside were non-Catholics and killed all the keepers and scholars.

The centuries-old library and books were all stained with blood.


BUT THE LIBRARY WAS STILL ALIVE.

BUT THIS TIME, THE MUSLIMS INSISTED THAT ALLAH WAS THE ONLY GOD AND TRIED TO SEAL UP ALL KNOWLEDGE.
They burned them.
The books...
The library.
And the scholars who tried to protect all that...
THAT STORY THAT YOU JUST TOLD IS THAT IN THE BOOK THAT YOU JUST READ?

ALEXANDRIA'S LIBRARY...
YOU... READ THAT BOOK, TOO?
SLAM
IS SOMEONE IN HERE?


WAS I IMAGIN-
ING THINGS?
BUT... WHY DOES
IT LOOK MESSIER
IN HERE?

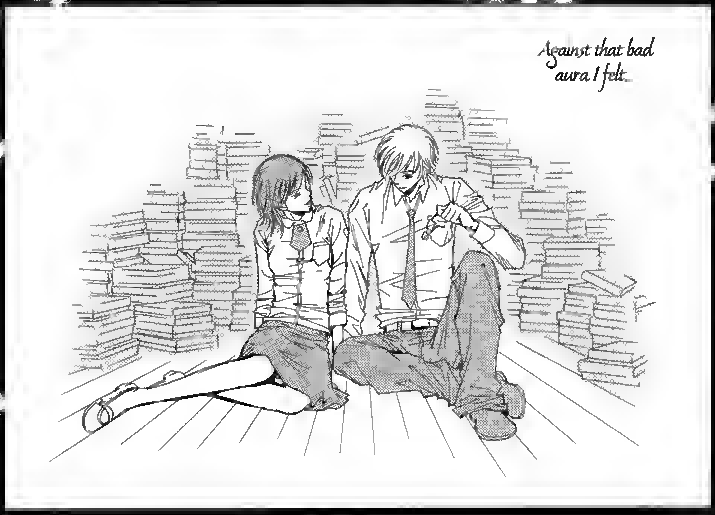
SLAM

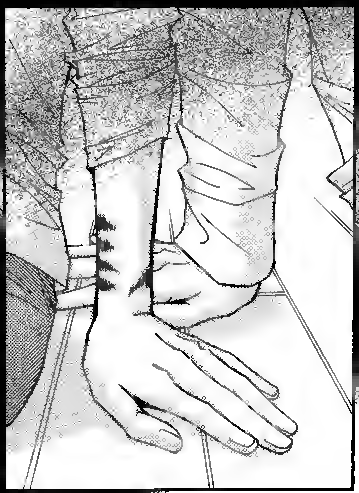
JUST THE COVER.
...
THAT WAS CLOSE. WE WERE ALMOST SEEN.
LIKE I SAID, BOOKS CAN BE USEFUL...
SO CAN YOU GET OFF OF ME NOW?
AH, SORRY!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "SORRY?"
GRAB

THAT BOOK... IS IT DANGEROUS?
EVEN MORE THAN OUR SITUATION RIGHT NOW?

I decided at that moment,





...coming from the book...
I'll protect you...